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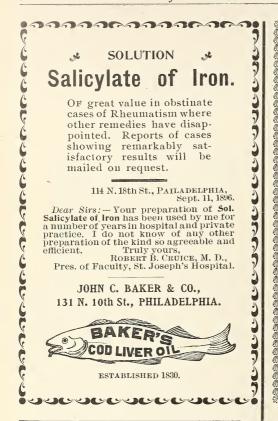


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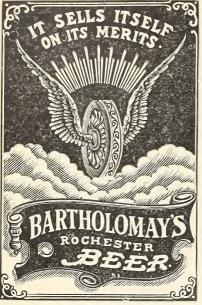
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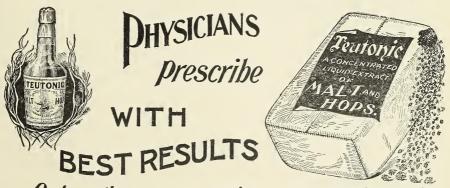
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Original Articles.

ARTIFICIAL VESICO-VAGINAL FISTULA FOR THE CURE OF CHRONIC CYSTITIS AND ULCER OF THE BLADDER.

By B. Bernard Browne, M. D.,
Professor of Gynecology, Woman's Medical College of Baltimore.

CLINICAL LECTURE DELIVERED AT THE HOSPITAL OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, NOVEMBER 20, 1896.

Or all the diseases to which women are liable, there are none that give rise to more suffering and pain than the various affections of the bladder. The treatment of these diseases is often unsatisfactory to the general practitioner on account of the difficulty of making an exact diagnosis and of locating the seat and character of the lesion.

The case I wish to bring before you today is that of Matilda W. of Ellicott City. She is 36 years of age, and has been married 20 years; has had three children, the last twelve years ago. Four years ago she had a severe attack of grippe, from which she dates her present illness; it was followed by an attack of acute cystitis with great pain and difficulty in urination and then by complete inability to pass her urine, which had to be drawn off by the catheter.

As she lived some distance from her physician, it was impossible to have it drawn off at regular intervals and sometimes she retained it for 24 and even 48 hours; this accounts for the unusual size of the bladder. From time to time during her illness she has had her bladder irrigated with a variety of preparations, but with only temporary relief. At one time (May, 1894) she suffered so much pain in the region of the right

kidney that a nephrotomy was done by the physician under whose care she then was, but no abnormal condition was found.

On October 7, 1896, she entered my service in the Hospital of The Good Samaritan. She had been confined to her bed since April and had been entirely unable to pass any water during that time. She had become emaciated and was unable to take or retain any nourishment. Her abdomen was swollen and extremely sensitive; her bladder extended nearly to the umbilicus, so enlarged had it become owing to continued over-distention. Her urine was examined and found to contain no albumen or tube casts, but was acid in reaction and contained a large quantity of pus.

Upon examination an ulcerated spot was found in the bladder, situated in the triangular space between the orifices of the ureters and the internal opening of the urethra. The bladder had become sacculated and had never been completely emptied by the catheter. The ovary and tube on the right side were enlarged and adherent to the sides of the pelvis; the uterus was somewhat enlarged and in a state of subinvolution with chronic endometritis.

For the relief of her condition it seemed necessary to remove the causes of it and at the same time to give the bladder a rest and keep it empty until the inflammation in it should subside.

One of the most important therapeutic agents for the cure of inflammation is rest; this together with cessation of the normal function is applied with benefit to inflammation of many of the organs

of the body.

On October 22, as many of you will remember, who were present at the operation, the uterus was curetted, an artificial vesico-vaginal fistula was made through the sacculated portion of the bladder, a silver canula was introduced into the bladder through this opening and a rubber tube attached to the small end of the canula which rested in the vagina; by means of this canula the

bladder was to be kept entirely empty. An abdominal section was then done and the diseased right tube and ovary removed. The vagina above the fistulous opening had been packed with iodoform gauze; this was removed and replaced on every second day for one week.

At the end of two weeks the distal end of the rubber tube was tied and the urine allowed to accumulate in the bladder. It was now found that she could pass her urine freely without pain. On the 10th of November, the canula and tube were finally removed and since that time she has been urinating without the least difficulty and there is no pain whatever in the bladder. The patient has been walking about the ward for the past week and leaves today for her home in the country.

THE DANGER OF ARTIFICIAL EMACIATION.

EVERYONE has his normal weight, though circumstances may determine a more or less temporary increase or diminution thereof. A departure from the normal in either direction, says the Medical Press, is incompatible with perfect health. This, of course, leaves in suspense the question as to what is one's normal weight, and those who are afflicted with what appears to the dispassionate observer to be a superfluity of adipose tissue usually resent the imputation that their obesity is other than an accidental and unavoidable circumstance. This point is easily settled by trying the effects of a carefully regulated but not over-strict regimen associated with daily exercise in the open air. All really superfluous tissue will disappear, although actual weight may not be palpably diminished, firm muscle taking the place of useless and burdensome fat. Obesity, however, is essentially a condition to be dealt with on an exclusively physiological basis. It is, of course, more or less amenable to medication, but the influence of drugs involves a brutal disturbance of the processes of nutrition, which cannot but be prejudi-

cial to health. This is particularly the case in respect to the employment of thyroid gland in extract, which, in effectual doses, often entails symptoms of a very disquieting and even serious nature. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon practitioners that the thyroid treatment of obesity is one attended by a tangible amount of risk. In a German contemporary the case is recorded of a certain well-known dramatic artist, who sought to combat the opulence of form with which Nature had endowed him and died in consequence. On ceasing to be obese-for the treatment was so far successful—he lost the placid temperament which previously characterized him and became the prey of an unhappy irritability, consequent on an acute sensation of malaise; in short, he became nervous, impressionable and as unrecognizable from a moral as from a physical point of view.

RUPTURE OF THE KIDNEY.

DR. C. K. Toland recently reported in the *Canadian Medical Review* a case of rupture of the right kidney in a young man of nineteen years, who had been "charged and kneed" by an opponent while playing football.

PUERPERAL CONVULSIONS, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF PREVENTION.

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A FIRM conviction of the great responsibility resting upon us in the care of the puerperal woman, and the skillful guidance through the perils of this period to its happy consummation in a safe delivery, is the motive prompting to the discussion of this condition—so frightful in its manifestations and so dire often in

its consequences.

I cannot emphasize too much the importance to the patient of an early engagement of her medical attendant, that she may be closely in touch with him, and that he, by extraordinary diligence, may be keenly alive to every circumstance which may be to her a source of peril, giving to his patient advice as to personal care, of diet, exercise, rest, bowels and kidneys; making regular, often frequent, analyses of the urine to determine the presence of albumen or the lacking elimination of excrementitious solids. Often there is danger ahead when urinary analysis is negative in its results, and the nervous system is ripe for a dangerous explosion so soon as something occurs to excite the requisite reflex. I cite the following cases for sake of illustration:

CASE I .- Mrs. T., a woman of fine physique and robust health, came under my care in 1885; she would never permit me to see her until labor came on. though reported by her husband as being very dropsical. Frequent examination of her urine failed to show any albumen, though the amount of urine was scanty. Treatment, through the medium of her husband, was, of course, very unsatisfac-When labor came on, I found her the most dropsical woman I ever saw at term. She was kept under chloroform until delivered with instruments, after a protracted labor. In four succeeding pregnancies she was never so dropsical

again, but each period of pregnancy was filled with symptoms of threatened eclampsia. The patient was a hearty feeder, her urine was usually scanty, albumen apparent on analysis, but not marked.

In her third pregnancy she had an attack of vertigo, followed by a period of insensibility; she has always suffered with her head. Her treatment during each pregnancy consisted of low diet, abundant drinking of lithia water, and keeping bowels in a condition of mild diarrhea. She has usually taken chloroform during the latter part of the second stage of labor, and has been safely delivered five times without a single convulsion, and is now doing well in her sixth pregnancy, having reached the end of the sixth month.

CASE II.—Mrs. W., of delicate build, in her second pregnancy, during the ninth month had agonizing headache, which failed to respond to remedies; she saw flashes of light and other objects continually before her eyes. When labor came on, she was kept under chloroform until delivered; her skin was so dry as to feel parched. Repeated examination of urine failed to detect any al-Within an hour after delivery, bumen. she complained of not being able to see (she had had no undue amount of hemorrhage) and began to talk wildly and incoherently. Chloroform was given to control excitement, followed by full doses of potassium bromide and pilocarpine; the skin acted freely and all untoward symptoms subsided; the urine showed large percentage of albumen. Convalescence was uneventful until the fourteenth day, when marked symptoms of septicemia developed, but she passed safely through a most dangerous illness.

CASE III. - Mrs. H. had been carefully

watched during her second pregnancy; the urine was frequently analyzed, with

negative results.

About the time she reached the fifth and a half month I was called to see her with a sharp attack of cholera morbus; a day or two of treatment was sufficient to restore her to health. was discharged with caution as to imprudence in diet, and every other respect. On the evening of the next day, she went out to supper, ate very heartily of almonds and raisins. I was called early the following morning to see her in what her husband called a trance. When I reached her, she talked to me rationally, and manifested no symptoms of special gravity. At 4 P.M., she was seized with a violent puerperal convulsion, quickly followed by a second, and for a few moments I thought her dead. I bled her freely from the arm, labor was brought on, and after delivery she made an uneventful recovery—the urine for the first time being loaded with albumen.

Her next pregnancy progressed satisfactorily to the ninth month, when she complained of distressing head symptoms, urine scanty, but free from albumen; some disturbance of vision. She was freely purged with calomel gr. vj., croton oil gtt. j, with complete relief of head symptoms. The week following, the head symptoms again returned; the dose of calomel and croton oil was repeated with as prompt relief as at first. Labor came on a few days after, and she was safely delivered, without any complication; convalescence was speedy and

uneventful.

Case IV.—Mrs. D., primipara, aged 22, stout and plethoric. I was retained six weeks before confinement. Frequent analysis negative, except once a trace of albumen, till October 12, when the urine was found loaded with albumen, being almost solid on boiling. I was called at 10 P. M. and found she had three convulsions, the cervix rigid, dilated the size of a nickel. She was bled freely from the arm; manual dilatation was persisted in for five hours; the child was turned and delivered; there was a serious convulsion during the labor, which looked as though it would be fatal;

no untoward symptoms occurred during convalescence. I found that she had been complaining for a week before the labor with violent headache. At the same time she had been eating enormously. I had not been consulted.

Case V.—I was called in consultation to see Mrs. H., primipara, aged 22. I saw her at 6.30 P. M. She gave the history of an unusually comfortable pregnancy. She had engaged her medical attendant two days before and said she had passed sufficient urine. She awoke at 5 A. M. the same morning with severe headache across the vault of the cranium, extending over the occiput and down the back of her neck, and some abdominal pain, which was supposed to be colic, as her time was not up (280 days) till two weeks later. She had been abstemious in her diet during the latter part of her pregnancy, abstaining from eating any supper. Just before 3 o'clock P. M. she described a sensation in her head as if blood was trickling through it and a few moments later a violent eclamptic seizure developed. Her medical attendant, when he saw her in the morning, had ordered \(\frac{1}{8}\) grain doses of sulphate of morphia every two hours—she having taken in all about $\frac{7}{8}$ grain. As soon as he saw her after the convulsion, he bled her freely and administered chloroform, controlling the convulsion. When I saw her she was completely relaxed, os fully dilated and bag of waters filling the vagina — ruptured accidentally on my examination. Labor progressed satisfactorily and she was delivered of a live baby at 8.15 P. M. — skin hot and dry, pulse soft, feeble and 120 per minute — profoundly unconscious. Another convulsion at 9 P. M. No secretion of urine since early morning; an enema of bromide of potassium, sulphate of morphia and camphor was administered and she passed into a quiet, natural sleep, having a good night with the exception of slight restlessness. She had also a hypodermic of $\frac{1}{2.0}$ grain sulphate of strychnia. On the next day she had three more convulsions, but of diminishing severity and longer interval; her vision was impaired and she was unable to recognize

her friends before the third day; periods of consciousness alternated with periods of delirium.

The baby had one convulsion on the day subsequent to its birth, but afterwards did well.

Remarks.—It is not my purpose to discuss the classification or causes of eclampsia; this is sufficiently done in all modern text-books. It is in the direction of such care as will prevent the occurrence of convulsions that I wish to

consider the subject.

The cases cited as illustrative emphasize—first, the necessity of early engagement and subsequent close supervision. Case I shows how such care warded off trouble in five pregnancies. Case II points to threatened trouble indicated by the severe head symptoms with negative evidences from the urine and, with Case V, emphasizes this symptom and the hot, dry skin - relief coming when the skin and kidneys had their functions restored. Cases III and IV point to the necessity of careful dieting and the overloading of the stomach as an exciting cause—in the one case no albumen and in the other albumen only twice discovered prior to the development of convulsions. Where there is excessive eating, a hypernutrition is the result in a system in which there is already a hyperplastic condition of the blood. The attempt on the part of the kidneys to eliminate increased effete matter begets kidney irritation—it fails in its function and the appearance of albumen in the urine is the external manifestation of poisoning of the system by toxins, which, unless eliminated, result in an eclamptic explosion.

The patient's diet should be nutri-

tious, digestible, not rich; regular exercise in the fresh air and especial care of the bowels and kidneys.

The administration of saline cathartics should be frequent, making the mucous membrane of the bowels eliminative and derivative; an abundance of lithia water and other necessary diuretics, to stimulate the kidneys. If the patient shows evidences of anemia full doses of the tincture of the chloride of iron long continued will be of value.

The treatment of the case when convulsions occur. I believe, consists imperatively in free administration of chloroform and prompt bleeding, with active purgation if the bowels are constipated; nor should we forget that the welfare of the patient depends upon as prompt delivery as possible—by manual dilatation of the womb and forceps or turning. When, as in Case V, the patient remains unconscious after delivery, with symptoms of depression, as evidenced by rapid, feeble pulse, a hypodermic of strychnia nitrate will do much good by its action in sustaining the heart and diminishing cerebral congestion by its toning-up effect on the vaso-motor nervous system and at the same time sustaining the uterus in firm contraction.

I am convinced of the usefulness of morphia in conditions of rigid os and cervix in the first stage of labor—but, if there be symptoms of threatened eclampsia, it is positively contraindicated and should not be given in the treatment of the convulsions; it arrests secretion in the skin and kidneys and favors the retention of the effete materials in the system.

THE PARASITE OF WHOOPING COUGH.

M. Kurloff (Lancet) remarks that Henke and Deichler have for the last ten years maintained that the cause of whooping cough is a very active organism provided with cilia. He challenges this statement, and believes that the micro-organism of whooping cough is not to be sought for amongst bacteria, but amongst the protozoa. He has never

failed to find active amoebae with finely granulated protoplasm and with spherical spores characterized by concentric lamination. He believes he has been able to follow the development of the spores into amoebae.

The facts he describes may all be observed in the fresh sputa of the patients, even without the employment of an Abbé's condenser.

ANTI-DIPHTHERITIC AND ANTI-STREPTOCOCCIC SERUMS.

THEIR NATURE, METHOD OF PRODUCTION, AND APPLICATION FOR THE RELIEF OF DISEASE.

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THOSE of us who received our medical education long enough ago to be fond of retrospection will recall the ready acceptance which was given to the germ theory of disease, by the younger and more plastic minds in the scientific world when it was promulgated. We can also recall the doubt and ridicule that was heaped on the promoters of this theory by the overwise and the ultra-conservative element.

It was my good fortune to witness the great Lister operate, and I noticed how his spray and apparatus excited the ridicule of some of these over-wise men who stood near; men who, by the way, have been forgotten, whilst Lister's name will Listerism, Pasteurism, live forever. antisepsis, asepsis, whatever name we may give to the methods then or since used, mean, after all, the same thing, namely, fighting noxious germs, killing the microbe that is, either by its own destructive action or through poisonous secretions, destroying humanity. All we have attained today in serum therapy comes legitimately from the establishment of the germ theory of disease.

Acting upon the suggestion of your honored associate, and my very good friend Dr. B. H. Detwiler, this paper will be limited to the question of the proper method of producing and using substances to either kill or neutralize the effect of disease germs. The subject is too broad for a full treatise on all the various accomplishments in this direction, and I will therefore select two that appear most interesting. I refer to anti-diphtheritic and anti-streptococcic serums. The first has been accepted as a part of our legitimate and definite alist

of remedial agents. The second is still on trial.

As to the nature of anti-diphtheritic serum, I will state that the theory is a simple one. The diphtheritic germ, the Klebs-Loeffler bacillus, finds lodgment in the throat or elsewhere. It begins to grow and multiply, a membrane is formed, a poison is secreted and absorbed. This toxine overwhelms the life centers, paralysis and death may follow. Nature has in the meantime been endeavoring to overcome the danger that is threatening the patient, and has secreted an antitoxin to destroy the toxin.

Marvelous Mother Nature gives the germ a life, but when the balance is apt to be against the culture field, the body, endeavors to neutralize the danger in her own mysterious way. This process was repeated millions of times for thousands of years, but we did not understand it, did not go deep enough into Nature's great laboratory. Finally the educational results of the germ theory had produced a long list of careful thinkers, and with that deep eye, the microscope, and by the aid of vivisection on animals, the secret was discovered, and now, all over the civilized world, are laboratories for the production of the precious fluid.

From Lister to Behring is a long step. It represents energies untold, deep thought beyond our grasp. Only a few years as time is calendared, but a stride so immense as to strike us with awe! When I first met Professor Klebs, the thought passed through my mind—Lister—Huxley—Darwin—Spencer—Koch—Behring—Klebs—guide-posts in the development of life!

I am indebted to Dr. E. M. Houghton of the Biological Laboratory of Parke,

Davis & Company for the details of the method of manufacturing anti-diphtheritic serum. It is in brief as follows: First a culture medium is prepared by adding bouillon to blood serum, and then coagulating the mixture; this is known as Loeffler's blood serum. The diphtheria germs are secured by passing a sterile swab over the false membrane and the swab is then passed over the blood serum and the tube containing the now infected serum is closed with a cotton plug, and put into an incubator where it can be kept at the body temperature. After a few hours small colonies appear on the surface of the serum and the microscope is used to determine if the Klebs-Loeffler bacillus is present and if so, if it is free from other forms of life. If it is a pure culture, small colonies are picked out and transferred to fresh serum and replaced in the incuba-

These growing germs are the seed used for producing the toxin; they are planted in sterilized beef bouillon. The germs then grow rapidly, and produce or secrete toxins which are retained in the bouillon. A small amount of a preservative is added and it is then filtered through unglazed porcelain, which removes the germs and all foreign bodies, leaving the solution clear. This solution of toxin is then injected into the jugular vein of a horse and as Dr. Houghton puts it, "We must now stand aside and allow the remainder of the miracle to be wrought unseen."

The horse's blood now contains an antitoxin which destroys the toxin we have been putting in it. The dose is repeated until, in the course of a few months, a horse can stand without ininry a dose several hundred times stronger than one that would have killed him at the beginning of the treatment. Our horse is then our laboratory, but Nature has yet kept her secret as to how the antitoxin is produced. All we have to do now is to secure the blood from our patient friend, remove the clot, filter, sterilize and preserve the serum, and we have the result, a package of anti-diphtheritic serum, and we are ready to go on our life-saving errand.

I have purposely avoided any reference to the various methods and tests applied on guinea pigs and with the microscope to determine the strength of the toxins and antitoxins from time to time. The methods have been carefully worked out by those engaged actively in the work, and in this way they have been enabled to establish a fixed standard just as definitely as we could weigh any given drug with the scales. The method now generally in use is to make a given number of antitoxin units a dose, irrespective of the bulk.

I consider it of the utmost importance that the serum should be as highly concentrated as possible, hermetically sealed, and only one dose in a package, and it should not be opened until we are ready to use it. By being careful about this, and using a clean syringe, avoiding the large old-style antitoxin syringe with the rubber tube, we can be confident that no harm will come from its use. My opportunities for observing the use of anti-diphtheritic serum and for conferring with eminent authorities as to its use have been quite extensive, and I have reached the conclusion above given and also that it is of the utmost importance to use the serum as early as possible and in full and repeated doses.

In recent conversations with Dr. Joseph Holt, Dr. W. P. Northrup, and Dr. Joseph O'Dwyer, they have referred pointedly to the necessity of full doses. In fact, I think it is legitimate to add that the majority of those who have not been successful in their use of antitoxin have either not used it in sufficient quantity or early enough. Dr. W. A. Walker (Pediatrics, October 15, 1896) places great stress on this point, as also does Dr. Douglas H. Stewart (Annals of Gynecology and Pediatrics, November, 1896).

Allow me to make a brief digression here and refer to the value of using the microscope in making a diagnosis. Dr. Wm. Osler kindly showed me a case of typhoid fever in his service at the Johns Hopkins Hospital which had a small patch of false membrane on the lower lip. Microscopical examination showed the Klebs-Loeffler bacilli in abundance.

Now it is often doubtless true that the real nature of cases of this kind are overlooked, and they become the foci of infection, and the patch, even though small, may spread to other surfaceslater on, after having been the means of infecting probably a number of people. Then we are sure to hear the cry raised about sporadic cases!

I would also ask you not to neglect other methods of local and general treatment; sustain the patient's strength, keep the bowels open with calomel and keep the throat clean. The Loeffler solution is an admirable combination of antiseptics for

local use.

I will now refer to the cases of mixed infection and will ask your attention to the articles of Dr. Stewart and Dr. Walker above referred to; also to an editorial in the Cincinnati Lancet-Clinic of October 15, 1896, referring to the use of anti-streptococcic serum and quoting that eminent teacher Dr. J. Lewis Smith.

Marmorek and others have used antistreptococcic serum in cases of diphtheria showing the streptococcus as well as the Klebs-Loeffler bacillus, also in scarlet fever, puerperal fever, general septicemias, infective tonsillitis, erysipelas, and other diseases, whether due to, or complicated by, the appearance of the streptococcus pyogenes, and it seems as if it will prove of great value in other cases, perhaps in multiple abscess and in broncho-pneumonia, or in fact wherever the streptococcus is found as above stated. Dr. Henry Dwight Chapin has been giving some attention to its use in the two diseases last named.

In reference to its use in diphtheria, I am firmly convinced that it is indicated in all cases where the microscope shows the streptococcus and we almost invariably find it in cases which do not yield to the anti-diphtheritic serum and where we see a zone of inflammatory action extending beyond the area occupied by the true diphtheritic membrane. Therefore, if a case does not yield promptly to the anti-diphtheritic serum, we should, I believe, use the anti-streptococcic serum without waiting for the report from the bacteriologist.

The method of producing the antistreptococcic serum is in the main a similar process to that used in the production of the anti-diphtheritic serum, or by injecting virulent cultures of the

germs instead of the toxin.

I am indebted to Dr. Charles T. Mc-Clintock of Ann Arbor for advice in regard to this matter. Dr. McClintock writes as follows: "As regards the difference in methods for producing anti-diphtheritic and anti-streptococcic serum, I may say in general that the streptococcus, like a number of other germs, does not readily give off its toxin to the surrounding liquid. If you want to get the toxic properties of the germ, you must take its own protoplasm. On this account we are compelled to use the germs themselves, in order to successfully immunize an animal. The filtered toxins are not very powerful. This is the essential difference between the two materials. In the case of the streptococcus we use a living virulent germ in bouillon culture."

I submitted the same question to Dr. Dillon Brown of New York, and he replied as follows: "To test the value of a streptococcus antitoxin we must not use the toxin; but the culture it-The point is that in streptococcus infection, the germ itself finds its way into the blood and viscera, while in Klebs-Loeffler infection, the bacillus is rarely found in the viscera on autopsy. In one case, you have a toxin only to fight, and in the other, you have both the germ and its toxin."

There has been a great deal of good work done quite recently in this investigation of the anti-streptococcic serum and I feel confident that we are near a solution of the problem. The New York Board of Health is having it carefully studied in the Willard Parker Hospital and the great reputation and well-known ability of the scientific corps of this board and of the gentlemen composing the staff of the hospital is a sufficient guarantee that the work will be well done. The profession of this country owes much to Drs. Biggs, Park and Prudden.

In conclusion, allow me to say that

the great lesson we may learn from the history of serum therapy, bearing upon scientific advancement, is that we should keep our minds open to receive testimony and look forward, not backward. We are at the beginning only of a great era in medicine. Medicine is partly a science, partly an art. The laboratory worker and the student are the

scientific producers of the colors which the practitioner, the artist, puts on the canvas. If we work together, the one investigating and producing, the other investigating and using, we make more rapid strides, get quicker results, and mutual confidence produces mutual good-will and a cheerful exchange of ideas of advantage to all.

PATHOLOGY OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS.

In the Lancet an abstract of a very important paper by Professor Strümpell is published on this subject. The etiology of many nervous diseases has in recent years, he says, been successfully investigated, yet about such a common disease as multiple sclerosis little or nothing is as yet known for certain. Marie's view that it is in most cases a sequel of acute infectious disease can scarcely be maintained, for whereas in many cases of acute infectious disease multiple inflammatory foci in the central nervous system occur as a sequel, in thirty or forty cases of his own of multiple sclerosis there could only be found an occasional one in which there seemed to be some possible connection between a preceding infectious disease and the condition referred to. Indeed, in his last twenty-four cases, in not a single one could any such relation be traced. And so it is also with reference to the toxic origin suggested by Oppenheim and others. No doubt where the patients are dwellers in towns and work in metals, etc., the incidence of the disease may suggest some such connection. But in places such as Erlangen, in which the patients are for the most part peasants or country dwellers, such a view fails to find any support. Nor can the vascular origin of the sclerotic foci be regarded as likely.

It is generally conceded that multiple sclerosis has no connection with syphilis, and it is not easy to understand why certain small vessels in the nervous system only should become diseased in some unknown manner, while similar vessels elsewhere are unaffected. Professor Strümpell's suggestion is that

multiple sclerosis may depend upon some congenital abnormalities in the nervous system. This view was suggested to him recently by a case which he published and in which there were combined a marked condition of hydromyelia, central gliosis, and multiple sclerosis. He had previously observed a case of hydromyelia with multiple sclerotic foci.

Further points in support of such a view are that it is a disease of early life (the first symptoms can often be actually traced back to childhood) and that the axis cylinders are so long spared. It is further suggested that the change may occur first in the neuroglia and that there are foci where it undergoes proliferation—a condition, indeed, of multiple gliosis—whose origin is to be sought in some congenital peculiarity.

Professor Strümpell, in concluding his paper, directs attention to two conditions in the symptomatology of the disease. First, as to the character of the disordered movement, he believes it does not essentially differ from the ataxy of tabes, and, secondly, he finds that the abdominal reflex is very frequently absent. This view as to the etiology of multiple sclerosis is extremely interesting. There are few objections of much weight to be offered to it, but, of course, it can only be confirmed or refuted after careful and prolonged examination of many cases in various ways.

ICHTHYOL IN GONORRHEA.

CANOVA (*University Medical Magazine*) recommends in gonorrhea of the female injections of a one-half per cent. solution of ichthyol.

Society Reports.

MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT HAGERSTOWN, MD., TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AND 11, 1896.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, FIRST DAY.
EVENING SESSION.

Dr. William Osler related A CASE OF DIFFUSE SCLERODERMA, WITH EXHIBI-TION OF PATIENT. This patient, a white man, aged 30, came under my care on the 14th of last March. He has a progressive thickening of the skin; a condition known as diffuse scleroderma. It is chiefly in the extremities and on the face. It is noticeable in the remarkable thickening, induration and gradual immobility of the skin. In the progressive case ordinarily the fingers become eroded and finally completely dis-This man's disability is considerable. He can not close his fingers sufficiently to make a fist and can not pick up small objects. The disease has begun in his face. You can see that the cheeks are somewhat hide-bound and the skin hard and firm. wrinkles are somewhat smoothed out, though the skin of the forehead is not yet involved. It is most marked in his hands, which are cold, and upon grasping his hand it feels like marble or a hand molded in wax. In attempting to pick up the skin you find that you cannot pucker it at all. Two groups of these cases are recognized, the local and the diffuse scleroderma. It is a trophoneurosis, the etiology is not known and its pathology extremely obscure. It is stated that cases have recovered under thyroid extract; some recover spontaneously.

This patient has improved somewhat under the thyroid treatment and is still continuing it. He says that he is able to use his hand better than a few weeks ago. He is unable to lift his shoulders much because of the hide-bound condition of his chest: It is a very slow progressive disease and we hope that perhaps in this case it may be arrested, if not cured. It is an exceedingly rare affection, and I was in practice nearly 20 years before I saw a case. It is

rarely seen even in the large clinics of Europe. Four years ago we had the first case in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and since that time I have seen five. One of these was a woman from Virginia, who had the disease in an extreme form. The tips of her fingers were eroded, the face so completely drawn that she could not move any of the muscles and the skin of the upper lip stretched tightly across her teeth. Her physician had to remove one or two teeth in order to feed her. She gradually sank and died. I have at present three other cases under observation, all upon the extract, but this is the only one that has shown any signs of improvement. One of them, a gentleman, has a singular feature to the disease. So long as he is recumbent the legs are of a natural color, but as soon as he gets up the legs become purple almost to the waist. It is a vaso-motor change. The disease is more common among men than among women.

Dr. Simon Flexner then made some remarks on the Pathology and Bacteriology of Typhoid Fever. (See

page 145.)

Dr. William Osler: This is a disease that is entirely preventable. It is an index of the sanitary intelligence of the people and the physician of any district. It could be stamped out in this State within three years with the intelligent coöperation of the politicians. I would like to hear from Dr. Fulton as to what he thinks should be done in order to secure proper measures for the stamping out of this disease in Maryland.

Dr. John S. Fulton, Secretary of the State Board of Health: In the short time that I have had charge of the sanitary matters in this State I have made one observation, that is, that the country-bred bacillus is a popular germ in the city, and the Baltimore germ the popular one in the counties. The State Board of Health permitted me recently to address letters to 56 doctors, from whom I received 23 replies on this sub-There was much argument from the counties to prove that all the cases of typhoid fever in their vicinity came directly from a case or cases that arrived

from Baltimore, and, on the other hand, from a half dozen in the city there was argument to show that all the cases in the city came from outside districts. This is a more important observation than at first appears. For the reason that no good results can be obtained so long as these gentlemen maintain their respective opinions. I have also discovered that probably the major portion of the typhoid fever that exists in the State today is hidden under the name of typhomalaria. It is not necessary to discuss whether there is such a thing or not, but there are arguments against it that might be mentioned. It is generally considered that this is a fever between the two and having some of the symptoms of each. While that would seem to mean that you have malaria grafted upon a typhoid case, or, vice versa, it is yet said to be a less serious affection than either one of these diseases alone. This seems to me an argument against the existence of typhomalaria. In one of the most important medical centers in this country a recent report (Bellevue Hospital) shows sixteen cases of typhoid fever with a mortality of sixteen, and seventy-six cases of typho-malaria with no deaths. Now. these men are between the horns of a dilemma. Either their diagnoses were bad, or their treatment simply mur-Typho-malaria used to hold a position somewhere between typhoid and malaria. I find that the acme of typho-malaria and that of typhoid always occurs either in October or November. Now, the line of intermittent fever always reaches its acme either in June, July or August. It was found that a general dissemination of knowledge, the improved methods of diagnosis and better sanitation in that State caused the malarial line to instantly approach that of typhoid fever, until in 1890 the two lines touched. In 1891 the typhomalarial curve dropped and remains now below that of typhoid fever; it shows that as the years have gone by the authorities of Michigan have been putting typho-malarial fever out of existence. The Board of Health will in a few years make an extended inquiry as

to the amount of typhoid in the State of Maryland, and I hope the replies will be particularly full as to the question bearing on typho malarial fevers. I ask the coöperation of all present and trust you have no prejudices in favor of either Baltimore or country-bred bacilli.

Dr Wm B Canfield made some remarks on the Modern Method of Ex-AMINING URINARY SEDIMENT. He said that as a rule the chemical examination of urine was not difficult, but the finding of the sediment was not so easy unless it was especially abundant. When the sediment was scarce or apparently absent important ingredients may be overlooked. The method of allowing the urine to stand in a conical glass has some disadvantage, especially in warm weather when decompostion may occur, also casts may remain suspended and often adhere to the sides of the glass and escape observation. Moreover, this method of examination involves a waste of time: for this reason he would advocate the more general use of the centrifugal. The centrifugal machine has been long known and used, for example, in sugar refining, and also in many physiological experiments, but only of late has a smaller and portable machine been made which can be easily used. When put upon the market it was surprising to find so little mention of the use of this machine, in even the most modern text-books on urinary analysis, and he also thought that with the exception of the larger hospitals and a very few physicians the centrifugal was still a mystery. He then exhibited the machine which he has used and demonstrated the method employed.

Dr. J. M. T. Finney then made some remarks on the use of the X RAYS IN SURGERY. Messrs. Arnold and Smiles of the Edison Company first explained the use of the machine and its simplicity as put out by the Edison Company. He explained the advantage of it in diagnosing dislocation or fracture or other deformities made visible by it and suggested that by the use of photographs, which could be easily taken in the light without a lens, that the surgeon could keep a complete record with illustra-

tions of every case adaptable to the machine and thus protect himself against malpractice suits. In conclusion, Dr. Finney related some cases and explained the advantages of the machine from a surgical standpoint. After this there was a general discussion and demonstration of the X rays machine of various cases which had been brought in by local physicians.

SECOND DAY, Wednesday, November 11.

Dr. Frank Martin then read a paper on CANCER OF THE TONGUE, in which he described the character of the growth usually present as epitheliomatous; the age most prevalent 45 to 68, the length of time it took the growth to develop, six months to three years, and the various operations for its removal. said that the symptoms at first were very undefined with very little pain; it usually begins on the side of the tongue and in its anterior half and the duration of life without operation had been recorded as one year to eighteen months. He spoke of the various operations such as that done with tracheotomy with an incision in the jaw and with operation through the mouth; he found that the operation by incision in the jaw bone gave the most complete results and in his experience the wound healed kindly.

Dr. J. M. T. Finney: During the last six months I have had an opportunity to operate upon three cases in which the entire tongue was removed for cancer. The recommendation for the Cooper operation, which was described, is that the wound can be kept entirely aseptic. In our experience this was not so for the reason that the wound communicates at all times with the mouth, and it is hence impossible to keep it clean. constant dribbling of the saliva will render it unclean in a very short time. In two of our operations a combination of several methods was used and proved very satisfactory. The objection to Langenbeck's operation is the failure of the jaw to unite. I have had no experience with it personally. In my last two cases preliminary to the removal of the tongue I operated upon the glands, removing the sublingual, the submaxillary, and then closed the wound. linguals were tied at the same time. A strong ligature was passed through the tongue then and this organ excised by a strong pair of scissors. This operation proved entirely satisfactory. The first patient was a man 72 years of age. He was in the hospital two weeks and a half and then returned home with the wound. a perfectly clean, granulating one. second case was even, if not more, satisfactory. He was a young man and returned home in two weeks after the operation. After Cooper's operation it takes perhaps months for the wound to heal up.

Dr. Martin: In the operation suggested by Dr. Finney it seems to me that in taking out the infected structures, closing the wound and removing the tongue are another operation. There is a certain territory at the back of the floor of the mouth which is left to become the seat of a new growth. Cooper's operation does leave a long standing wound to close up, but in my last case the closing occurred in three weeks.

Dr. Finney: I could not find any observations on this question as to whether these intervening tissues become involved. It is a recognized fact that it is more liable to take place in the glandular structure rather than in the tongue when recurring. Whether the intervening tissues become involved at all, or in what proportion of cases, I could not find out. Surely 75 per cent. of the recurring growths I think are in the glandular structures, and, if so, just that proportion of cases would be cured by this operation.

Dr. J. W. Humrichouse of Hagerstown

Dr. J. W. Humrichouse of Hagerstown read a paper entitled Some of the Results of Bacteriological Research.

Dr. David F. Unger of Mercersburg, Pa.: I am very much interested in the remarks about antitoxine, and would like to ask what progress has been made in its use. About a year ago we considered the subject before the Franklin County Medical Society and Dr. Welch's paper on this subject was up for discussion. Has Dr. Humrichouse any sta-

tistics showing the result of the use of this remedy, and whether it is advisable

to use it?

Dr. Humrichonse: I have not the statistics at hand, but I think the proper thing to do is to use it surely. week I have used the remedy twice with no more reaction than would be the result of a hypodermic use of any sterilized liquid.

Dr. Ösler: Those who are not convinced by the report of the American Pediatric Society upon the efficacy of this remedy are perhaps worse than They will hear neither Moses nor one of the prophets, nor would they be persuaded though one rose from the dead.

Dr. Randolph Winslow reported A CASE OF GASTROSTOMY FOR ESOPHA-

GEAL OBSTRUCTION.

Dr. Joseph E. Gichner spoke of THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Dr. H. O. Reik read a paper on THE PRACTICAL USE OF SKIASCOPY. (See

page 109.)

Dr. E. Tracey Bishop of Smithsburg presented a patient who had an immense tumor of the right side of the neck and

hanging down over the chest.

Dr. Randolph Winslow (examing patient): This tumor is freely movable. hard in some places and very soft in others, probably contains some fluid; has been in existence the patient says for eighteen years. It has no pedicle and is not connected with the deep structures. It feels at some points as though it might contain bone. I should say, without knowing anything more about it and without microscopical examination, that it is a fibroma, or fibroenchondroma. I think it could be removed without much danger.

Dr. Finney: I should quite agree with Dr. Winslow. It is too low down to be a parotid tumor. We had a case similar from this county last week, which proved to be a molluscum fibro-I would advise its removal.

Dr. Finney then exhibited a patient, who had undergone amputation at the hip, saying: Amputations of the hip joint are sufficiently rare to excite in-

terest when they occur. This patient was operated upon in August last. illness begun three years ago, about which time he fell on a rock. Six months later he began to have pain which lasted for several days, then disappeared. He supposed this attack was rheumatism and did not notice any enlargement of the limb for some time. probably a year later. The new growth became more painful and at the end of the year the pain was constant. Last Tune he went to Philadelphia to the Tefferson Hospital and states that he was there operated upon twice, but does not know the nature of the operations. There was a scar as if an incision had been made into the growth. He remained in the hospital six weeks, but after his return home the growth began to increase very rapidly and three weeks later he came to the Hopkins Hospital. The femur seemed to be considerably involved and was painful to the touch, particularly over the inner condyle. The knee was slightly flexed and had very little motion. A diagnosis of sarcoma was made. His condition was fair, not very good, but as pain was so great we thought it best to operate at The method employed was one of the typical ones, but, as I thought it best to save as much blood as possible, I performed a preliminary ligation of the vessels just above Scarpa's triangle. I carried my incision down far enough to get plenty of tissue, then made a circular cut and enucleated the head from its socket, destroyed the cartilage of the socket and closed the wound without any drainage. The hemorrhage was insignificant and shock very slight. gave him the subcutaneous salt solution injection, although his pulse was as good as when we started. He made a good recovery without any reaction whatever. He was in the hospital three weeks; has had no trouble since except the sensation in the toes which always follows in amputation. About the third day his pulse went up to 160 and his temperature to 102 degrees without any cause that we could discover. We simply employed expectant treatment and it came down and remained normal.

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BALTIMORE, DECEMBER 19, 1896.

From the large number of physicians who were present at the highly interesting ceremonies on the occasion of

The Frick Library the formal dedication of the Dedication. Frick Library of the Medical and Chirurgical Fac-

ulty, it seems almost superfluous to record the particulars of that important event.

Soon after moving into the new building of the Faculty enterprising members began to think of plans by which the benefits of the Faculty and its library might be enhanced and extended. The first step was the formation of the Book and Journal Club, through which many new books and journals have been added to the shelves.

Then the present president evolved the happy idea of interesting prominent citizens in the needs of the Faculty, and through his endeavors the Frick brothers gladly endowed what is now called the Frick Library, which was formally opened last week. Mr. Reverdy Johnson, an intimate friend of the late Dr. Charles Frick, has also promised the library one hundred dellars a year.

The full programme of the exercises held last week will appear later, but suffice it to say at present that the addresses and remarks were most fitting and appropriate to the occasion. After a statement of the condition of the whole library as well as of the Frick endowment by the president, Dr. Osler, Dr. Samual C. Chew, a life-long friend of Dr. Frick, delivered an ornate and scholarly address on the life and work of Dr. Charles Frick. This was followed by remarks from Mr. Reverdy Johnson of the Baltimore Bar paying a high tribute to his personal friend Dr. Frick and at the same time presenting to the library a copy of Dr. Frick's most important work on Renal Affections, the very copy which Dr. Frick had presented to him with his autograph when it appeared.

Then followed remarks by Dr. J. M. Da-Costa of Philadelphia and Dr. J. D. Bryant of New York on the value of libraries to the profession aud an enumeration of the principal medical libraries of the world. In these addresses due credit was given to Dr. James R. Chadwick of Boston, whose stimulating oration almost a year ago was the means of raising so much money towards the new building. After the exercises were completed the members withdrew to the hall below, where an ample collation was served.

To the president, Dr. Osler, and to the trustees, too much praise cannot be given for the great strides made by the Faculty in the past year. The trustees, with Mr. W. F. Frick and a few other invited guests, twenty-two in all, were entertained by Dr. Osler at a most elaborate luncheon at the Maryland Club at two o'clock. Later the visiting guests and others took dinner with Dr. Osler at his house, and at night the members were the guests of the Faculty.

The good work which has begun so auspiciously should not be allowed to stop here and it is hoped that other public-spirited and influential citizens may feel sufficiently grateful to the medical profession to add still further to the present endowment and make the Faculty a wealthy and powerful body. Meanwhile every available physician in the city and State should be enrolled on the membership list.

Thus the strength which comes from such a solid union will not only command the respect of all good citizens but will be all powerful when important questions come up which demand the support of the city and State governments.

The total yearly income for books and journals, in addition to what is appropriated from the general fund of the Faculty, is thus about \$700; \$500 from the Book and Journal Club, \$100 from the Frick brothers and \$100 from Mr. Reverdy Johnson. The \$1000 which was first given by the Frick brothers was spent in furnishing the Frick Library.

For the first time in the history of this State a midwife was convicted and fined for neglecting to report to

A Good Law Enforced. some physician or to the Health Commissioner

the diseased condition of the eyes of a newborn infant.

It was only after much hard work and frequent visits to Annapolis that the committee in charge of the bill, the object of which was to reduce the cases of ophthalmia neonatorum and blindness, succeeded in having passed in 1894 a law which was for the benefit of the ignorant. Such a law had been in force for two years and only within the past few weeks was the first midwife caught and punished. Owing to the novelty of the law and the apparent or feigned ignorance of the woman in attendance the punishment was as mild as possible, but it will likely have a good effect in arousing other midwives to do their duty.

It is unnecessary to quote statistics to show how large a proportion of blindness is due alone to neglect of the eyes in the first few days of life and the great efficacy of Credé's method. The full history of this case with the simple yet comprehensive law is here given.

Physicians should make it their duty not only to examine, treat or report all cases, but should warn midwives with whom they come in contact of the dangers of neglect and, what is more effective, of the extreme penalties which may be inflicted. The following is an authentic account of the case with the law attached:

The first trial for violation of the law enacted by the legislature of 1894, "To prevent Blindness in Infants," took place on Friday, November 26, before Justice Leyshon of Canton. The prosecution was conducted by Dr. John S. Fulton, Secretary of the State Board of Health, upon information furnished him by Dr. Hiram Woods of Baltimore. It developed

in the trial that the infant, daughter of Henry and Pauline Seitz of Highlandtown, was born in April under the care of a Mrs. Liersman, registered midwife. The child's mother testified that when purulency appeared on the fourth day, the midwife assured her it meant nothing serious, made no suggestion of the propriety of calling in a physician, advised the application of warm chamomile tea, and breast milk, and herself applied these remedies. When the baby was brought, in July, to the Presbyterian Eve, Ear and Throat Charity Hospital, both corneas were sloughed. The case came under Dr. Woods' notice early in November. Mrs. Liersman, in her own behalf, stated that she had washed the child's eyes regularly and had advised Mrs. Seitz to summon a physician. She acknowledged having received from the Health Office of Baltimore a copy of the law and of the circular letter, sent through this office some time ago by the Committee on Prevention of Blindness of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty. This letter gave directions concerning the care of infants' eves and dwelt upon the dangers of ophthalmia neonatorum. She said that she understood the law to require the reporting of cases of children born blind. The justice adjudged her guilty and imposed a fine of \$25 and costs. The law is as follows:

AN ACT TO PREVENT BLINDNESS IN INFANTS.

"Section I.—Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland: That if at any time within two weeks after the birth of any infant one or both of its eyes, or eyelids, are reddened, inflamed, swollen, or discharging pus, the midwife, nurse or person other than a legally qualified physician, in charge of such infant, shall refrain from the application of any remedy for the same, and shall immediately report such condition to the Health Commissioner, or to some legally qualified physician in the city, county or town wherein the infant is cared for.

"Sec. 2.—And be it enacted, That any person or persons violating the provisions of this Act shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in jail not to exceed six months, or by both fine and imprisonment.

"Sec. 3.—And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

"Approved April 6, 1894."

Medical Items.

We are indebted to the Health Department of Baltimore for the following statement of cases and deaths reported for the week ending December 12, 1896.

Diseases.	Cases Reported	Deaths.
Smallpox		18 25
Measles	2 4	1 I
Pseudo-membranous Croup and Diphtheria. Mumps	26 I	8
Scarlet fever	29	I
Typhoid fever		3

Berlin now has a professor of massage.

The Loomis Sanitarium in New York State is open for patients.

There are many cases of diphtheria at Princeton, New Jersey.

By the will of the late Gabriel D. Clark the Nursery and Child's Hospital receives \$500.

Texas is much pleased with the Maryland Medical Law and is trying to have one like

The physicians of Santa Clara County, California, have agreed to abstain from lodge or contract practice and to abolish cut rates.

Typhoid fever is said to be prevalent in Howard and Carroll Counties, Maryland, especially near Woodbine.

Philadelphia physicians deserve credit for already having begun arrangements for the semi-centennial of the American Medical Association next June in that city.

Dr. W. G. Damm of 1404 William Street, Baltimore, advertises in the "Personal" columns of the daily press that his professional advice and medicine are given for fifty cents cash. Dr. Damm is a graduate of the Baltimore University School of Medicine in 1890.

Dr. T. More Madden has received from the Royal University of Ireland the honorary degree of M. A. O. (Master of the Obstetric Art). Dr. Madden is Obstetric Physician and Gynecologist to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital and Consulting Physician to the Chil-

dren's Hospital and has written extensively on obstetrics and gynecological subjects.

Dr. E. R. Bishop, assistant physician at the Sheppard Asylum, has resigned. Dr. Bishop contemplates studying in Europe. The resignation will be acted upon at the next meeting of the Board. Dr. Bishop has been efficient in the discharge of his duty and is highly esteemed by the Board.

Dr. Leonard J. Sanford, late Professor of Anatomy and Physiology at the Vale Medical College, New Haven, Connecticut, died at his home last Sunday. Dr. Sanford was born in New Haven in 1833 and was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He was a member of the American Medical Association, American Academy of Medicine and other societies.

The third annual session of the American Academy of Railway Surgeons was held at Chicago, September 25, 1866. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. L. E. Lemen, Denver; Vice-Presidents, Dr. M. C. M. Gardiner of San Francisco, Dr. R. Ortega of Diaz, Mexico; Secretary, Dr. D. C. Bryant, Omaha; Treasurer, Dr. C. B. Kibler, Corry, Pa.; Editor, Dr. R. Harvey Reed, Columbus, Ohio.

The following contracts with hospitals and dispensaries of Baltimore will probably be renewed for the coming year: Nursery and Child's Hospital, \$3700; Woman's Medical College Free Dispensary, \$500; University of Maryland Free Dispensary, \$1000; Dispensary of the Dental Department of the University of Maryland, \$500; Southern Homeopathic Medical College Free Dispensary, \$800; Southern Free Dispensary, \$1000; Baltimore College of Dental Surgery Free Dispensary, \$500; Provident Hospital Free Dispensary, \$800; Northeastern Free Dispensary, \$1200; Maryland Homeopathic Free Dispensary, \$800; Evening Dispensary for Working Women and Girls, \$700; Eastern Free Dispensary, \$1800; College of Physicians and Surgeons Free Dispensary, \$1500; Baltimore University Free Dispensary, \$1000; Baltimore General Free Dispensary, \$1800; Baltimore Medical College Free Dispensary, \$1200; Baltimore Eye, Ear and Throat Charity Hospital Free Dispensary, \$500. These contracts are annually made between the city and these institutions in return for the latter's treatment free of direct charge to the poor of the city.

Book Reviews.

SECRET NOSTRUMS AND SYSTEMS OF MEDI-CINE. A Book of Formulas, compiled by Charles W. Oleson, M. D. (Harvard). Sixth Edition. Revised and Enlarged. Chicago: Oleson & Co., Publishers, 35 Clarke Street. 1896.

This deservedly popular book has reached its sixth edition in a short time. When one reads the actual value of some of these compounds and what is paid for them the conviction is firmer than ever that we mortals are fools. This little book does a still further good work by exposing those proprietary productions containing such harmful ingredients as alcohol, morphia and cocaine. The author's object is to collect in one book what is known of these secret remedies, knowing full well that their value lies in this secrecy. He bears testimony to the good work of Frederick Stearns & Co., Detroit, in helping to expose these harmful compounds. Some analyses are only relative and not exact. His analysis of Hunyadi Janos water does not correspond to the Lancet's analysis, but is near enough for all practical purposes. Every physician should be acquainted with the preparation of secret remedies, else how can the great harm done by such preparations be combated? The author has issued a commendable work.

THE MEDICAL NEWS VISITING LIST FOR 1897.
In one wallet-shaped book, with pocket, pencil and rubber. Seal grain leather, \$1.25. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co.

THE MEDICAL RECORD VISITING LIST AND PHYSICIANS' DIARY FOR 1897. In black or red morocco leather, with flap, \$1.25 and \$1.50: New York: William Wood & Co., Publishers.

THE PHYSICIANS' VISITING LIST (Lindsay & Blakiston) FOR 1897. Forty-sixth year of its publication. Sold by all booksellers and druggists. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co. 1012 Walnut Street.

These lists differ little from those of last year except in the date. The Medical News List is better bound than the other two, while the Medical Record List has the most flexible covers and the best paper. The Physicians' List seems to be the most popular, although the binding is not especially good and the pocket rather poor. A physician would hardly go wrong in buying any one of these. The Physicians' List is the least bulky.

Current Editorial Comment.

PHYSICIANS AND POLITICS.

Charlotte Medical Journal.

It is the privilege, and indeed the duty, of the physician, in common with all American citizens, to take part to a certain extent in the affairs of government, national, State and local. He no doubt should give such attention to matters of legislation which affect him, as well as all others, as to be able to cast his ballot intelligently. It would seem, however, that a note of warning may not be amiss, lest the doctor should degenerate into the ward politician and find himself immersed deeply in the muddy pool of politics.

SLOW PHILADELPHIA.

Medical and Surgical Reporter.

In many cities the pace of advancement in matters sanitary has been set by the city fathers. In Philadelphia, unfortunately, the converse seems to be true. The powers that be act as a clog on whatever spirit of progress is shown by the public. All that has been gained has been at the expense of long and persistent demand and there is not the slightest doubt but that in the matter of sanitation alone many valuable lives have been sacrificed to imperfect conditions, long after the demand for the change of such conditions has been made.

KLEPTOMANIA.

Journal of the American Medical Association.

KLEPTOMANIA, as a system of mental disorder, has long been recognized by alienists. Marc, who reported many cases half a century ago, recognized that people, in circumstances which should have placed them beyoud temptation, stole from shops articles to them almost valueless, whose number and uselessness indicated mental disorder in the thief. According to many alienists, kleptomania is always a manifestation of degeneracy, an episodiac symptom-complex. There are kleptomaniacs of this type who steal purely for the sake of stealing. At the same time, as Lacassagne points out, in the vast majority of kleptomaniacs, kleptomania is a morbid manifestation of certain neuroses and psychoses rather than a psychosis by itself. In many cases of so-called kleptomania, stealing is a manifestation of viciousness or feeble morality. Kleptomaniacs steal, but not all thieves are kleptomaniacs.

Publishers' Department.

Convention Calendar.

BALTIMORE.

- BALTIMORE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 847 N. Eutaw St. Meets 2d and 4th Mondays of each month.
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- THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY. Meets 1st and 3d Mondays, 8 p.m.
- THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL JOURNAL CLUB. Meets 4th Monday, at 8.15 p. m.
- MEDICAL SOCIETY OF WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE. SUE RADCLIFF, M. D., President. LOUISE ERICH, M. D., Corresponding Secretary. Meets 1st Tuesday in the Month.
- UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SO-CIETY. Meets 3d Tuesday in each month, 8.30 P. M. HIRAM WOODS, JR., M. D., President, dent. E. E. GIBBONS, M. D., Secretary.

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- MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Meets 2d Monday each month at members' offices. Francis B. Bishop, M. D., President. Lewellyn Eliot, M. D., Secretary and Treasurer.
- MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Meets Georgetown University Law Building 1st Tuesday in April and October. W. P. CARR, M. D., President. J. R. WELLINGTON, M. D., Secretary.
- MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Meets Wednesday, 8 P. M. Georgetown University Law Building. S. C. BUSEY, M. D., President. S. S. ADAMS, M. D., Recording Secretary.
- WOMAN'S CLINIC. Meets at 1833 14th Street, N. W., bi-monthly. 1st Saturday Evenings. Mrs. M. H. Anderson, 1st Vice-President. Mrs. Mary F. Case, Secretary.
- WASHINGTON OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECO-LOGICAL SOCIETY. Meets Istand 3d Fridays of each month at members' offices. GEORGE BYRD HARRISON, M. D., President. W. S. Bow-EN, M. D., Corresponding Secretary.

PROGRESS IN MEDICAL SCIENCE.

S. L. REED, M. D., Highland Park, Ky., October 28, 1896, writes: Have only time at present to copy notes in reference to cases in which I used Bromidia. Was called suddenly early on morning of June 10, to see Mrs. McG. Patient had been under treatment of Dr. R., who had been called but failed to answer. Found patient suffering with acute mania, very violent and destructive. On questioning family found patient had delivered herself four days previous of a three months' fetus. Since that time patient had been receiving enormous doses of morphine with no apparent result. As patient was beyond control, improvised a straight-jacket of her husband's sweater and bicycle belt. dered half ounce Bromidia (Battle & Co.) every half hour until quiet. In two hours patient was sleeping. Patient continued to receive Bromidia whenever indicated, along with other treatment, and in a few weeks was apparently well, although Dr. R. still has her under observation. This will show the superiority of Bromidia over morphine, especially in cases with head symptoms. I have had moderate success with Iodia, but could sing the praises of Papine in several columns if I had the time.

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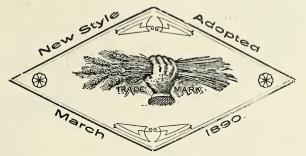
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